Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commssioner of Civil Supplies):* On that complaint timely action was not taken. The officer responsible is Mr. Sreedhara Menon who is away in Karachi. His explanation is pending. His successor in office also made enquiries.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* There was some delay in receiving report from the Assistant Price Officer at that time and after a time the officer was transferred. Therefore, nothing further could be done. He has been asked to explain.

KALLETTINKARA DISPENSARY—DOCTOR—APPOINTMENT OF

166. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):*

(*a*) Will Government be pleased to state whether there is any doctor in charge of the Kallettinkara Grant-in-aid Dispensary;

(*b*) how long this post has been kept vacant;

(*c*) have the Government received any representation from the people of the locality about this matter?

Rao Sahib T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) There is no medical practitioner available now to run a dispensary at Kallettinkara.

(*b*) This has been vacant from 7th Medam 1117.

(*c*) Yes.

MEDICAL INSPECTION STAFF—PROMOTION OF

167. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will Government be pleased to state whether in the matter of promotions in the Medical Department the claims of the Medical Inspection Staff are taken into consideration?

Rao Sahib T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trchur-North):* May I know why the claims of the Medical Inspection Staff are not taken into consideration in the matter of promotions in the Medical Department?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* The claims of only those working in the Medical Department are considered.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* I want to know whether my impression that the Medical Inspection Staff is working under the Medical Department is not correct.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know when it was bifurcated?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* About six months ago.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know why before these six months the claims of the Medical Inspection Staff have been overlooked in the matter of promotions?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* As a matter of fact there was no question of promotion at any time.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* After the retirement of Dr. D'souza who was put in her place?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Dr. P. Gouri Amma.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know who was appointed to the place of Dr. Gouri Amma?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Dr. Sumithra.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know whether one Dr. Dakshayani Amma was appointed to act when Dr. Gouri Amma was on leave on a former occasion.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* She once acted for a very very short time as an Assistant Surgeon in the department and that was due to various reasons which will take a long time to explain.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Has she made any representations that she has acted in the place?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* She did.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Why was Dr. Sumithra preferred?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Because she was better qualified and had greater experience.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know when Dr. Dakshayani Amma joined the department?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I want notice.

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